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(C) MFA Madagascar Desk Officer Kathrine Rath confirmed on April 15 that the GON will continue freezing state assistance to Madagascar. She stressed that the GOM must take steps toward national reconciliation for any aid restoration—moves which have not occurred. Rath described Andry Rajoelina's recent national forum as inadequate, as not all Madagascar groups were represented. Post will additionally report on any substantive developments.
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